Meeting Notes - Governor's Forest Health COUNCILS Joint Session

Thursday, January 13th, 2005 – 9:30 a.m. County Supervisors Association 1905 W. Washington St., Suite 100 . Phoenix, AZ 85009

- 1) Oversight Council Minutes
 - a. Mr. O'Halleran moves approval
 - b. Mr. Campbell seconds
 - c. Motion passes
- 2) Advisory Council Minutes
 - a. Mr. Siderits moves approval
 - b. Mr. VanDemark seconds
 - c. Motion passes
- 3) Policy Subcommittee Report Tom O'Halleran
 - a. Discussion on weight restrictions w/in industry in terms of hauling product
 - b. ½ the tax on gas for haulers (\$.26)
 - c. Marilyn Hill, Marty Moore, Ben Hershey all worked on this language
 - d. Tax credits from last bill weren't used last year so this year we've brought in the industry members
 - e. Tenant number from 10 to 3
 - f. Dealing with the process to become a qualifying company
 - g. 70/30 70% of product hast to be 12 dbh or less to be a qualifying project
 - i. Qualifying projects must be in a community wildfire protection areas
 - ii. Competing bill expected in the senate
 - iii. Must be highly incentivized bill to keep the industry alive
 - iv. Exec. Order will go out mandating the use of alternative energy sources in new State buildings
 - v. Sunset is 2014 no spending cap
 - vi. Hearing in O'Halleran's committee (bill in dropped status) TBA
- 4) Mapping & Assessment Subcommittee Report Barron Orr
 - a. Guidelines of Subcommittee:
 - i. Almost 100 individuals on the mailing list
 - ii. Fire Assistance grants Recommendations
 - iii. Environmental Review Process
 - 1. Very important to many
 - 2. Southwest strategy- Need leaders to weigh in.
 - 3. Needs a HOME: * This should be a priority project during the next 1 year of the grant duration.
 - 4. Simple as possible for the review process
 - 5. When can we anticipate the outreach to communities and entities to ensure accuracy?
 - 6. Will eventually be a monitoring tool but first must complete the comprehensive database
 - 7. Gene will identify the tribal participants
 - 8. How will the CWPP info play into the database
 - 9. Need to find a way to close the loop by involving the local communities ***
 - b. Tom O'Halleran moves approval of guidelines, Lori Faeth seconds
 - 1. Carried approval of the guidelines of the subcommittee

AGENDA ITEM: Work to develop the map

Critical infrastructure and residential should be included...

ARIZONA FIRE MAP

Should be a very simple, interactive tool – database side will be very focused on fuels treatment (other layers will be visible) but reports generated will be focused on the treatment.

- 5) Presentation on the Draft Landscape Context Subcommittee Report
 - a. Don Faulk
- 6) GFA CWPP
 - a. Signed on Monday!
- 7) EDUCATION Subcommittee Report Mike Neal
 - a. Kirk will be sharing info on which communities are done with CWPP and who are really in need
 - b. Firewise work will be done in needed areas
 - c. Home Depot will be donating some volunteers
 - d. Education Subcommittee will be working with the Wildfire Academy
 - i. Media support being organized

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March 22 is the Annual Forest Health Conference: Small Diameter Expo: Mixer with academy and conference attendees will be organized: Volunteers to work on the conference:

Rich Vandermark, Steve Campbell, Heather Garbarino, Diane Vosick, Taylor McKinnon, Ed Smith

- Ideas for the conference:
 - o Forest Planning (1/2 hour)- LUND (then and now)
 - o Your Forests and You (why you care what is in it for you)
- Vision for Arizona forests?
- Make the actions and recommendations speak about AZ forests to AZ citizens
- Need some social scientists to help evolve the vision
 - School of Behavioral Science NAU? Recruit them?
- Fire Shed? Is it viable for AZ?
- Don't want the scope to be too broad...
- Theme of restoration?

Diane will sum up the discussion and provide Lori and attendees (todd, carl, karl, bob ed, rob s, joe, kirk, steve)

Call to Public

Ethan Omen – Grand Canyon Trust: Clearly identify objective – how will it be parlayed into management – do outreach to determine receptiveness to use and then determine amount of research.